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Genryou Umitsuki et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application No.: 09/801,734) Office: Konstantina Katcheves
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For: A MULTIPLY TRANSFORMED)
KOJI MOLD AND A METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING A FLAVOR)
ENHANCER USING THE SAME)

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated March 28, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

At page 25, please delete the Abstract and insert the following:

The present invention provides a koji mold having increased protease activity and peptidase activity relative to a parent strain, a method of breeding the koji mold, and a method of manufacturing a flavor enhancer using the koji mold. More specifically, the present invention provides (1) a koji mold having increased protease activity and peptidase activity relative to a parent strain obtained by transformation using a protease gene and a peptidase gene; (2) a method of breeding the above koji mold which comprises transforming a parent strain of koji